Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Corporations", subtitle "Railroad Companies", be and they are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved February 28, 1945.

## CHAPTER 179.

## (House Bill 157)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 758 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Smithsburg", and to add a new section to said Article, to be known as Section 758A and to follow immediately after Section 758 of said Article, relating to the authority of the Burgess and Commissioners of said town to acquire property, including property for a library, and authorizing the operation and maintenance of library service, and correcting errors.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 758 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Smithsburg", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article 22, said new section to be known as Section 758A, to follow immediately after Section 758 of said Article, and all to read as follows:

758. The inhabitants of the town formerly known as Smithsburg, in Washington County, are created a corporation, by the name of The Burgess and Commissioners of Smithsburg, and by that name shall have prepetual succession, may be sued and may sue, may have and use a common seal, and possess such other incidents and powers as attach by law to a municipal corporation, and acquire by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise, and hold real, personal and mixed property for the benefit of said corporation; provided, however, that the burgess and commissioners shall not purchase or acquire any real estate, unless the said burgess and commissioners shall first provide by ordinance for said purchase, and the mode and manner of payment therefor; and all ordinances for the purchase of real estate shall provide for the submission of the question of said purchase to the qualified